

**REMARKS**

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 80-82 and 88-90 is acknowledged and appreciated. In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Claims 85, 87 and 95 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

In order to expedite prosecution, a telephone interview was conducted with Examiner Coulter. Applicant and Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Coulter for his courtesy in conducting the interview and for his assistance in resolving issues. As a result of the interview, it was agreed that the enclosed amendment obviates the pending rejection and would place the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, the preamble of each of claims 85, 87 and 95 has been amended to embody a "processor-implemented data processing method" so as to obviate the Examiner's assertion that the method can be interpreted as a program.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

**CONCLUSION**

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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